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VALLETTA FOR ANDREW YOUNG AND DICK MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: HANDLING OF PROPOSALS DOCUMENT

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1. THE CAPE TOWN FIVE MET THIS AFTERNOON TO CONSIDER TWO
ISSUES: (A) A LETTER RECEIVED FROM THE DEMOCRATIC TURNHALLE
ALLIANCE (DTA) COMPLAINING THAT IT WAS NOT INCLUDED
IN THE NEW YORK PROXIMITY TALKS (TEXT TRANSMITTED
SEPARATELY) AND (B) A REVIEW OF THE RESULTS OF THE
NEW YORK CONTACT GROUP'S MEETING OF JANUARY 30.

2. SIR DAVID SCOTT DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF THE DTA LETTER STATING THAT HE HAD RECEIVED IT THIS MORNING. BY WAY OF EXPLAINING WHY IT WAS ADDRESSED TO HIM, HE SAID HIS MISSION HAD CALLED THE DTA IN WINDHOEK TO ADVISE THAT THE COMMUNICATION CONTAINING THE OFFICIAL COMPLAINT WHICH MUDGE HAD REFERRED TO IN HIS JANUARY 28 SPEECH (CAPE TOWN 142) HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED. SCOTT ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD DTA HAD A REPRESENTATIVE STANDING BY TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK TONIGHT. SIR DAVID ADVOCATED A PROMPT RESPONSE TO DTA SAYING THAT IF THEY WISHED TO SEND SOMEONE TO NEW YORK THEY WOULD BE RECEIVED. IN THE ABSENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS I COUNSELED CARE IN NOT APPEARING TO ENCOURAGE THE DTA TO TRAVEL. NOTING THAT THE ACTION REQUESTED IN THE LETTER WAS THAT IT BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL FIVE WESTERN POWERS, I ARGUED IN FAVOR OF SENDING THE DOCUMENT TO THE CAPITALS AND AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE MAKING A REPLY WHICH IN ANY EVENT MIGHT BEST BE HANDLED WHEN THE BRIEFING GROUP GOES TO WINDHOEK ON FEBRUARY 4. AFTER EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION, IN WHICH THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR REPORTED ON THE CONSIDERATION GIVEN THE GENERAL ISSUE BY THE CG YESTERDAY, IT WAS DECIDED THAT SIR DAVID COULD INFORM THE DTA THAT THEIR LETTER HAD BEEN PASSED TO THE GOVERNMENTS AND WE HAVE SOUGHT INSTRUCTIONS.

3. WE NEXT DISCUSSED WHAT WE MIGHT RECOMMEND TO OUR CAPITALS ON HOW TO HANDLE THE DTA LETTER AND AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING:
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(A) ASSUMING WE ARE INSTRUCTED TO SEND A BRIEFING TEAM TO WINDHOEK ON FEBRUARY 4, WE WOULD CONTACT DTA ON FEBRUARY 2 (ALONG WITH OTHER GROUPS IN WINDHOEK) TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT. AT THE SAME TIME DAT WOULD BE INFORMED THAT THE TEAM WOULD BE BRINGING A RESPONSE TO THEIR LETTER OF JANUARY 26. (B) DURING THE WINDHOEK MEETING, AND AFTER THE BRIEFING TEAM HAD PRESENTED THE WRITTEN PROPOSAL AND RECEIVED THE DTA VIEWS, IT WOULD INDICATE THAT IF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THEIR GROUP SHOULD BE IN NEW YORK DURING THE COURSE OF THE PROXIMITY TALKS ONE OF THE FIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SEE HIM.

4. THE CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE RAISED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER WE WOULD GIVE THE SAME RESPONSE IF OTHER MAJOR GROUPS ASKED THE SAME QUESTION. WE AGREED TO PROPOSE TO OUR GOVERNMENTS THAT WE GIVE THE SAME ANSWER.

5. WE ALSO DISCUSSED THE COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP WHICH SHOULD GO TO WINDHOEK FOR THE BRIEFINGS ON FEBRUARY 4 ASSUMING THIS COURSE OF ACTION IS APPROVED BY THE CAPITALS. BECAUSE OF PRIOR COMMITMENTS, ONLY THE US AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS INDICATED A WILLINGNESS

TO GO. SIR DAVID SCOTT ASKED THAT DAVID SOMMERHAYES
GO IN HIS PLACE. THE GERMAN AND CANADIAN AMBASSADORS
INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD SEND THIRD SECRETARIES SCHWEPPE
AND HALPIN, RESPECTIVELY, WHO COULD DO THE LEG WORK FOR
THE GROUP.
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